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Afternoon Briefing

HONEYDEW CREEK

Firefighters made significant gains on the Honeydew Creek fire in the last 24 hours. Firefighters are taking advantage of a lull in the fires advance to the southeast and are attempting to establish a control line closer to the main fire than previously planned. Operational plans for today include an attempt to construct a control lines along the Bucks Creek Trail. Line construction at Kinsey Ridge is reported to be 80% complete with addition firing operations planned today as the weather permits. Firing was delayed yesterday until late in the day due to wind. Firing operations are used to reduce fuel loading near the control lines. Residents of Shelter Cove can expect to see an increase in the smoke issuing from the fire as these operations progress. The Honeydew Creek fire has reached 10,284 acres in size.

Fire Information officers will be available to answer questions and to provide information at the daily community meeting scheduled for 12:30 p.m. at the Shelter Cove Fire Department/Community Center.

Personnel and equipment recap for both the Canoe and Honeydew Creek fires:

77 hand crews, 14 helicopters, 40 engines, 6 dozers, and 136 support staff. Total personnel: 1677

Total acres burned to date: Canoe Creek Fire: 1249; Honeydew Creek: 10,284	Injuries: 15
Structures lost: 2 (outbuildings) Estimated 30% contained	Cost: \$ 10.2 million

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